



## AL3103 - The Institute for Healing of Memories (IHOM) TRC collection

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Abstract: The Institute for Healing of Memories (IHOM) was established in 1998 and developed out of the chaplaincy work of the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture that was conducted in partnership with the Counselling Working Group of the Religious Response to the TRC. The IHOM was conceptualised as a platform for victims of human rights abuses who could not testify before the TRC. To this end victims, the majority of whom were active in the anti-apartheid struggle, participate in three-day workshops geared towards personal healing and societal reconstruction. The healing of memories workshops are modeled as parallel processes to the TRC. As a result, many records of this organisation relate to workshops in which people could tell their stories. Because of their confidential and sensitive contents, these records are not in the public domain.

### Introduction

The Institute of Healing of Memories (IHOM) was established in 1998 and developed out of the chaplaincy work of the Trauma Centre for Victims of Violence and Torture that was conducted in partnership with the Counselling Working Group of the Religious Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC).

The focus of the IHOM is the healing role of dealing with memory. The IHOM was conceptualized as a platform for victims of human rights abuses who could not testify before the TRC.

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Hence the records of this organisation are in the main workshops in which people could tell their stories. Because of their confidential and sensitive contents, these records are not in the public domain.

An integral component of the workshops is the creation of liturgical and artistic elements of healing such as the writing of poetry, song and prayer as well as short performances, which in themselves constitute records about the activities of the organisation.

Records that are in the public domain can be accessed from the IHOM website.

The URL is located at: [info@healingofmemories.co.za](mailto:info@healingofmemories.co.za)

Other enquiries should be directed to Fr. Michael Lapsley at: [healing@mindspring.co.za](mailto:healing@mindspring.co.za)

### Related Materials

The work of the IHOM is reflected in the NGO Working Committee on Reparations Collection (AL 3167).



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The collection can also be accessed online at <http://truth.wwl.wits.ac.za/>

A guide to archival resources relating to South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission can also be found at: [http://truth.wwl.wits.ac.za/trc\\_directory.pdf](http://truth.wwl.wits.ac.za/trc_directory.pdf)

The following collections resulted from the TRC Archival Audit:

- AL3021: Sooka, Yasmin
- AL3059: Dealing with the Past (Conference of Protestant Academy of Bad Boll, Germany)
- AL3060: The State vs. P.W. Botha and Appeal
- AL3061: Auditor General Reports on the Accounts of the TRC.
- AL3062: Office of the Public Protector, Synopsis of Cases regarding Complaints involving the TRC
- AL3063: Documents relating to the TRC Special Hearings on Health
- AL3066: Materials Relating To TRC Faith Hearings
- AL3068: Harris, Verne
- AL3100: Submission to the TRC concerning Relevance of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to the Commissions Mandate
- AL3101: Jamiatul Ulama Transvaal, TRC Submission
- AL3102: Amnesty International TRC Materials
- AL3103: Institute for Healing Memories (IHOM) TRC Materials
- AL3110: Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVr)
- AL3115: Argall, Jane
- AL3116: Cherry, Janet
- AL3118: Marcus, Gilbert
- AL3119: Sheila Meintjies and Beth Goldblatt
- AL3120: Ross, Fiona
- AL3121: Julian Knight and Rudolph Jansen
- AL3125: The Challenge of Reconciliation: A Response of Church and Lay Persons to the TRC
- AL3126: Confession and Reconciliation: A Challenge to Churches in South Africa
- AL3128: Terreblanche, Christelle
- AL3129: Zapiro TRC Collection
- AL3130: African National Congress (ANC) TRC Materials
- AL3131: Cosatu Submission to the TRC
- AL3132: Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) Submission to the TRC
- AL3134: Iphepha Ndaba Newsletters from the Western Cape
- AL3135: Fester, Gertrude
- AL3136: Villa-Vicencio, Charles
- AL3137: Behr, Mark
- AL3141: Human Rights Watch Materials
- AL3142: NGO Working Committee on Reparations Materials
- AL3143: IDASA Sound Recordings Relating to the TRC

### **Notes**

Materials included in this collection include: transcript of evidence given by IHOM Director Michael Lapsley with Michael



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Worsnip to the TRC, several addresses, a press release and interview with Mihcael Lapsley.

Materials collected from TRC Archival Audit.

### The TRC Archival Audit

Between 2003 and 2006, SAHA and Historical Papers, University of Witwatersrand embarked on a project to locate, retrieve and make available records relating to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC). The project entailed conducting an archival audit of all existing TRC records in order to identify and locate documentation in danger of being lost.

In the process of conducting the archival audit, SAHA and HP located many collections from individuals and organizations that participated in the TRC process, including this collection. Selections from these materials as well as TRC related material found in the freedom of Information Collection and other pre-existing SAHA and HP collections, were digitized and can be accessed online at <http://truth.www.wits.ac.za/>

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### Classification

- 1: TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY AT THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION
- 2: ADDRESSES
- 3: INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL LAPSLEY
- 4: PRESS STATEMENT

### Inventory

- 1: Transcript of testimony at the TRC
  - 1.1: Transcript of the evidence given by Fr. Michael Lapsley, SSM together with Michael Worsnip to the TRC at the hearings of the Human Rights Violations Committee at Kimberley, 10 June 1996  
[10 June 1996]
- 2: Addresses
  - 2.1: 'The Redemptive Value of Truth Telling' by M. Lapsley, September 1998  
[September 1998]
  - 2.2: 'Moral arguments for reparations in South Africa' by M. Lapsley and Karin Chubb, Black Sash, 5 September 2000  
[5 September 2000]
  - 2.3: Untitled presentation by M. Lapsley at the Civil Society and Justice in Zimbabwe Symposium, Johannesburg, South Africa, 11 to 13 August 2003  
[13 August 2003]
  - 2.4: 'The Role of Punitive Justice in Reconciling. Is this a Christian Concept?', Undated
- 3: Interview
  - 3.1: 'The healing of memories'. An interview with Michael Lapsley by Cheryl White, Jane speedy and David Denborough in Cape Town. 3 August 2002  
[3 August 2002]
- 4: Press statement



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- 4.1: Press statement on President Mbeki's Speech on the TRC Final Report released by M. Lapsley as Chairperson - NGO Working Group on Reparations, 21 April 2003  
[21 April 2003]